

By the KING.

A PROCLAMATION,

For giving Currency to the Double Sovereign, or Gold Two Pound Piece.

GEORGE, R.

**W**HEREAS We have thought fit to order, that certain pieces of gold money should be coined, which should be called "double sovereigns," or gold two pound pieces," each of which should be of the value of forty shillings, and that each piece should be of the weight of ten pennyweights six grains, and  $\frac{5430}{10000}$  troy weight of standard gold, according to the weights approved of and confirmed by Us in Council, in pursuance of an Act made in the fourteenth year of His late Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act for regulating and ascertaining the weights to be made use of in weighing the gold and silver coin of this Kingdom:" And We have further thought fit to order, that every such double sovereign, or gold two pound piece, so ordered to be coined as aforesaid, shall have for the obverse impression Our effigy, with the inscription "Georgius III, D: G: Britanniar: Rex F: D:" and for the reverse the image of Saint George, sitting on horseback, attacking the dragon, and the date of the year, and on the edge of the piece, in raised letters, the words "Decus et Tutamen. Anno Regni," with the year of the reign: And whereas pieces of gold money of the above description have been coined at Our Mint, and will be coined there, in pursuance of orders which We have given for that purpose; We have, therefore, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, thought fit to issue this Our Royal Proclamation; and We do hereby ordain, declare, and command, that the said pieces of gold money so coined, and to be coined as aforesaid, shall be current and lawful money of the Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and shall be called "double sovereigns," or "gold two pound pieces," and shall pass and be received as current and lawful money of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and every of such double sovereigns not weighing less than ten pennyweights five grains, shall pass and be received as current and lawful money of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, every such double sovereigns of the value of forty shillings of like lawful money, in all payments whatsoever.

Given at Our Court at Windsor, the nineteenth day of September one thousand eight hundred and twenty-three, and in the fourth year of Our reign.

GOD save the KING.

**A**T the Court at Windsor, the 19th of September 1823,

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

**I**T is this day ordered by His Majesty in Council, that the Parliament be prorogued from Tuesday the thirtieth day of this instant Sep-

tember to Tuesday the twenty-fifth day of November next.

**A**T the Court at Windsor, the 19th of September 1823,

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

**W**HEREAS the time limited by His Majesty's Order in Council of the twenty-first of February last, for prohibiting the exportation of gun-powder salt-petre, or any sort of arms or ammunition, to any port or place on the Coast of Africa (except to any ports or places within the Streights of Gibraltar), has expired; and whereas it is judged expedient that the said prohibition should be continued for some time longer, His Majesty, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, doth therefore hereby order, require, prohibit, and command, that no person or persons whatsoever (except the Master-General of the Ordnance for His Majesty's Service), do, at any time during the space of six months (to commence from the date of this Order), presume to transport any gun-powder or salt-petre, or any sort of arms or ammunition, to any port or place on the Coast of Africa (except to any ports or places within the Streights of Gibraltar) or ship or lade any gun-powder or salt-petre, or any sort of arms or ammunition, on board any ship or vessel, in order to transporting the same into any such ports or places on the Coast of Africa (except as above excepted), without leave or permission in that behalf, first obtained from His Majesty or His Privy Council, upon pain of incurring and suffering the respective forfeitures and penalties inflicted by an Act, passed in the twenty-ninth year of the reign of His Majesty King George the Second, intituled "An Act to empower His Majesty to prohibit the exportation of gun-powder, or any sort of arms or ammunition, and also to empower His Majesty to restrain the carrying coastwise of salt-petre, gun-powder, or any sort of arms or ammunition;" and also by an Act, passed in the thirty-third year of His late Majesty's reign, cap. 2, intituled "An Act to enable His Majesty to restrain the exportation of naval stores, and more effectually to prevent the exportation of salt-petre, arms, and ammunition, when prohibited by Proclamation or Order in Council:

And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of Great Britain, the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, the Master-General and the rest of the Principal Officers of the Ordnance, and His Majesty's Secretary at War, are to give the necessary directions herein as to them may respectively appertain.

C. C. Greville.

**A**T the Council-Chamber, Whitehall, the 30th of September 1823,

PRESENT,

The Lords of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council.